

Petroleum Centre Daily Record.

Pet. Centre, Monday, April 13.

A. E. FAY, Editor.

Time of Closing Mails.

P. O., PETROLEUM CENTRE, PA., JULY 27th, 1898.

Mail further notice the mails will arrive at and depart from this office as follows:

ARRIVE: South and East, via Irvineton, 10:18 A. M. South and West, " Meadville, 5:18 P. M. North and East, " Corry, 2:55 "

DEPART: South and West, 8:45 A. M. South, East and West, 2:30 P. M. North, East and West, 10:09 A. M. H. E. BLACKMON, P. M.

Divine Services.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M., and 7 1/2 o'clock P. M.

Rev. J. T. Oxtory, Pastor.

M. E. CHURCH.

Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. Sabbath School at twelve o'clock M. Seats Free. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Rev. C. M. Heard, Pastor.

STS. PETER AND PAUL'S (CATHOLIC) CHURCH.

Mass at 10 1/2 a. m.

Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4 p. m.

Catechism at 2 p. m.

JAMES DUNN, Pastor.

An Unprovoked Attack—A "Highly Colored" Painting of Petroleum Centre.

We have heretofore referred to the scurrilous attacks made upon our village by persons either deeply interested in our welfare, or ardently desirous to appear in print, but the Meadville Republican of last week "caves the climax" in this particular by devoting a whole column to an article copied from the Buffalo Express, containing statements unknown to the citizens of this community, and evidently, or at least apparently, penned with an air of little respect for the welfare of the town, and as the tone of the article would indicate that our town is made up of roughs and prostitutes, and in consequence thereof is but little respectability in our midst. The article says:

"The town of Petroleum Centre being without a local Government, has become the headquarters of a horde of outcasts from society of both sexes, who have been driven from the large cities on account of their crimes, or by their necessities."

The writer must either have been writing against time, or his unbiased mind allowed him to spread the mantle of prejudice seemingly over an entire community, as we are to infer from his matchless production, that but few aside from those described in the above extract, compose the village of Petroleum Centre. The editor of the Meadville Republican has ignorantly endorsed these assertions by the publication of them, and they are, in toto, reiterations of the Titusville Herald, the latter journal a short time since having published something to the same effect. This is a great wrong upon the respectable people of Petroleum Centre, and we are surprised that respectable journals should lend their columns to traducing neighboring towns. We have roughs and prostitutes in our midst as does every oil town, but we do not consider ourselves behind Meadville or Titusville in this particular, but the inference that our town is made up of them, is an insult upon a large population of respectable people, and our duty as a journalist will not allow us to let it pass unnoticed.

This horridly writer further says that young girls are enticed from their homes in Buffalo and other places under pretense of respectable employment at high wages, and are pul into Concert Saloons, and in most cases are ruined in a few short hours. No doubt the Concert Saloons referred to have some of the oldest young girls from Buffalo (Canal Street) who, if ruined within a few short hours, (ala time agone,) must have required a great deal of urging and false representations to entice them from the "gilded mans ons" of that notorious street! He further states that "Keno is in its glory, and the sweat-board, cards and dice are well patronized." Now Petroleum Centre is not so large but what if the two first mentioned games were in operation, it would be generally known, but our citizens are in ignorance of their existence, and we pronounce the accusation false. Cards and dice are found everywhere, even in the quiet towns of Meadville and Titusville. The article further says:

"Within the last six weeks certainly no less than five respectable girls, and probably more, have been lured into saloons by false promises. Three of them effected their escape within a day or two after entering the saloons, and by the aid of sympathizing citizens they obtained work in hotels and private houses in Petroleum Centre. Four of the girls—including the two that are now in the saloons—were hired at an intelligence office in Buffalo, where the parents of the girls are now living."

It would seem that if such occurrences had taken place in our midst, our citizens would have known something of them. Who are the families that these girls are now with? All these things are a blank to the citizens of Petroleum Centre, still it is asserted they sought for and obtained protection in private families! No doubt such assistance could always be obtained of our citizens, if ever a circumstance occurred where assistance was needed. The same article speaks of highway robberies that, it claims, have occurred within a few days right here within our midst, still our citizens are in blissful ignorance of anything of the kind! It is in Petroleum Centre as in other places, a man may visit a saloon, become intoxicated, and then abusive, and there are always those present with whom he can get a "pitch battle." No man walks our streets in an orderly manner who is ever molested. The "reign of terror" which the writer of the article says exists among property owners, which debars them from taking any action to restore "law and order" is the most severe rain we have had this season! A person would think, to read the vocabulary of words in the article, that the rain poured! We have seen no umbrellas out in consequence of the storm, and every property holder considers himself safe in his own domicile! We will admit that Petroleum Centre has its vices, and no one would rejoice at their obliteration more than ourselves, and where is there a town that have them not? Our officers are respected citizens, and their vigilance does much to keep down any desire to create disorder among that class who indulge in "high toned" threats with a boisterous tongue. But no tongue has been more boisterous than has the writer's alluded to, as his highly colored paintings of Petroleum Centre are without comparison, a negative made to compare with the bright colors of a sun.

Such articles, were they not refuted, would lead those at a distance to believe that their lives were in danger, should they step their foot in our midst, and for this reason, no person who has any interest in our business prospects, except to destroy them, would ever fictionalize a fallacy in so disgraceful and unbecoming a manner. A word about this Special Police Bill, and we are done.—The bill authorizes our Court to appoint three Commissioners, away the power to issue warrants and to appoint a police force. The citizens spoken of by this writer, who have urged the passage, may look upon it in a light for doing good in arresting crime, but another feature is to take any power of arrest from where it now exists, and delegate it to others! The bill has a local interest! The object of its passage, in the minds of the general public, is good, and if its provisions are fully carried out, it will prove beneficial.

For the gratification of our readers we publish below the article in full as taken from the Meadville Republican:

Crime in the Oil Regions.

From the Meadville Republican.

The Senate of Pennsylvania passed, on the 5th, a bill to provide a police force for Petroleum Centre, one of the oil towns of Venango County. The annexed statements, copied from the Buffalo Express, shows the need for this provision in which the speedy concurrence of the House is to be hoped for:

We published some time since, at the request of a certain clergyman of Petroleum Centre, Pa., a card warning the community against scoundrels who have been making a practice of luring young girls in Buffalo, and elsewhere, to leave their homes, under promise of high wages as hotel waiters, and the forcing them to adopt a life of shame. The Titusville Herald gives further details of the operations of these scoundrels. It says that the town of Petroleum Centre, being without a local government, has become the headquarters of a horde of outcasts from society, of both sexes, who have been driven from the large cities on account of the crimes or by their necessities. Preeminent among the crimes are those committed by the proprietors of two vile institutions known as free concert saloons or "free and easys," to which they have time and a nin brought respectable but needy young girls under the pretext of employing them as hotel waitresses, and placed them in such situations as to make their ruin inevitable unless they were unusually courageous, or got assistance from citizens of the Centre. The frequenters of these saloons, or "free and easys," are made up of the lowest class of "sports," gamblers, pimps, blacklegs and outcasts generally, with such other persons as may be attracted to them by curiosity, or by a desire to join the orgies which are kept up to a late hour nightly. The waitresses, or as they are called in the slang of the place, "beer slingers," are, in most cases, professional prostitutes. In these saloons every species of debauchery flourishes under bad whisky and worse women, and attains a growth and vigor unknown outside the slums of the great cities. It is to

these places, reeking as they are with everything that is foul, and containing within them all the elements of bodily and spiritual ruin, that these men bring respectable but needy young girls from neighboring cities, by some plausible story about waiting on tables in hotels at high wages. But that is not the worst, for everything but personal violence, (and for all we know, that too,) is used to keep them there, and if they succeed in getting away, the lies and calumnies of their deceivers follow them wherever they may go.

It frequently occurs that when the girls arrive at the saloons they are without money, and consequently without means of returning whence they came, and unless they receive assistance from outside the saloon, their ruin is only a question of a few hours. The paitry sums that these girls get per week are withheld from them if they show any desire to escape, and applied on real or imaginary charges which the proprietors of the saloons are never at a loss to find against them. Thus, every art is used to lure next to helpless young girls into the saloons, and then, to make of them professional prostitutes, to destroy their body and soul, every avenue of escape is barred.

Within the last six weeks certainly no less than five respectable girls, and probably more, have been lured into saloons by false promises. Three of them effected their escape within a day or two after entering the saloons, and, by aid of sympathizing citizens they obtained work in hotels and private houses in Petroleum Centre. Four of the girls—including the two that are now in the saloons—were hired at an intelligence office in Buffalo, where the parents of the girls are now living.

The facts we have just given are the worst features of crime at Petroleum Centre, but they are by no means all. Attached either directly or indirectly, or as hangers on to the free and easys, and to other institutions equally bad, and to the low groggies and bagnios, are a horde of cut throats and thieves who, together with a lot of gamblers of every grade, from the closely shaved sect down to the half shaved looking pitch-penny fellows, prey upon society.

Keno is in its glory, and sweat boards, dice and cards are well patronized, and scarcely a day passes without some one telling a doleful story of losses the night previous. During the past ten days not less than four highway robberies and assaults have been committed, and in one case the victim was dangerously beaten. The state of affairs at the Centre has become intolerable. Debauchery and crime of every description are rampant. The parasites of society are banded together in one common brotherhood for the defence of themselves against the laws which they break with impunity, and which are wholly inadequate for the protection of life and property. These things have brought about a reign of terror, and it is with the utmost difficulty that the property owners of the place can be induced to take any prominent part in any action looking toward the suppression or punishment of crime. The deputy sheriff, justice of the peace, and constable at Petroleum Centre do every thing in their power to preserve peace and good order, but their efforts avail but little under the existing laws and the combination of law-breakers. The citizens of the place and vicinity have petitioned the legislature to pass a bill authorizing the appointment of police commissioners and of any number of policemen (if commissioners may deem necessary, the maintaining of a lock-up, and giving the commissioners the authority usually delegated to police courts. If the legislature will pass this bill, crime at Petroleum Centre will receive a blow from which it will never recover, and the Centre will become as orderly a town as any other in the State.

Lieut. H. Weiter, of Franklin, has been appointed and confirmed Register of Public Bonds at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

A new well, struck on Friday last, on the Columbia Oil Co's property, Storey Farm, is doing 40 barrels.

A. D. Miller returned from a two week's trip east, on Friday last. Our readers may expect to see a large stock of drugs and fancy articles displayed at the drug store soon.

The President issued a proclamation on the 2th inst., calling an extra session of the U. S. Senate, to convene to-day. The extra session is called to act upon nominations for office, and other important business.

There was an unusual amount of trade transacted in Petroleum Centre on Saturday last. Washington street was a busy thoroughfare, our merchants reaped a rich harvest, and their customers a full return for their money.

On last Friday morning, the day after the engine house of the Boyle's & Phillips well No. 7, Niagara Co.'s tract was burned, the well began flowing at nearly its usual rate as when pumping, being in the neighborhood of 100 barrels.

J. G. Coffin, whose advertisement will be found in another column, can be found on Mondays and Tuesdays of each week at the Drug Store of A. D. Miller & Co. He is, we are pleased to learn, doing a good business. Success, Johnny.

Two men, the murderer, who was sentenced to be hung in Philadelphia on Thursday last committed suicide in his cell the night previous to the day he was to have been executed. He had previously made the remark to Eaton that he intended to take his own life by poison.

The Juvenile Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School of this place, held its monthly concert last evening at the M. E. Church. The contributions of the Society for the cause of Missions amounted to \$17.30—quite an amount for children to gather up in the space of a month. The exercises of the concert consisted of singing and conversations about God, conducted by the pastor of the Church.

It will be seen by a card published elsewhere, that the Coal Yard of T. T. Mapes has changed hands, Messrs. Searies & Cornwell becoming proprietors. Mr. Mapes has served his customers long and well, and upon his retirement, expresses his confidence in his successors as business men and gentlemen. Mr. J. G. Searies has been an employee of the O. C. & A. R. Railroad for several years, and was stationed at Petroleum Centre as Freight Agent for a long time. He is well and favorably known in the oil region, and we wish the new firm a prosperous career. They retain the services of Mr. E. W. Coddington as Clerk.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF THE O. C. & A. R. RAILROAD.—It is with pleasure that we announce the promotion of C. J. Herburn, Esq., to the position of Superintendent of the O. C. & A. R. Railroad, vice H. F. Sweetzer, resigned. This is an appointment worthily bestowed as a more fitting man could not have been selected for the position. His experience has been ample, having acted as Assistant Superintendent of the road, and was formerly Superintendent of the Warren and Franklin road. The oil men will be pleased with the announcement. He now enjoys a high degree of popularity, and the Directors of the road have acted wisely in their selection.

Local Notices.

A CARD.

In retiring from the coal business at Petroleum Centre, I take this occasion to return my sincere thanks to all my former patrons for their generous support, and can make no more appropriate return for the same, than to heartily recommend my successors to their consideration. Messrs. Searies & Cornwell, besides being gentlemen of acknowledged business capacity, are thoroughly acquainted with the branch of trade in which they are now engaged, and I am confident that any who favor them with their patronage will be honorably dealt with.

Very Respectfully, T. T. MAPES. Messrs. Searies & Cornwell retain the services of Mr. Coddington, who is authorized to set up in my absence, and receipt in my name. A. D. MILLER & CO., P. M.

CANARY BIRDS, male and female, new stock just received, at A. D. MILLER & CO'S. Also a fine lot of imported English Gold Finches. SASH, GLASS AND DOORS, LARGES Stock, at the Furniture Store. Mar 27.

FOUR FOLD LINIMENT.

Genuine, for sale wholesale and retail, at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

Through false representations, Mike Buckley is obliged to discontinue business for a few days; hoping his friends and customers will have patience and remember him, he remains the public servant.

MIKE BUCKLEY. Petroleum Centre, April 5, 1898. 1w.

To all Whom it May Concern!

Take notice, that we have the sole and exclusive right for five years from November, 1898, to make, put up, and sell, in the United States, WALLS' IMPROVED MAGIC BALM, under an assignment and purchase from S. G. Walls, patentee, and that we will enforce the law rigidly against all persons who shall make, put up, and sell said Balm without our consent.

W. W. PERKINS & CO., Franklin, Pa. A. D. MILLER & CO., Wholesale and Retail Agents for Petroleum Centre and vicinity. mh25 1m.

All persons wishing to be VACCINATED can call at A. D. Miller & Co.'s Drug Store and have the pure fresh article inserted. No charge.

New Flour, Feed and Grocery Store!

J. S. PRATHER, At the OLD BANK BUILDING, ON MAIN ST., opposite the McClintock House, has on hand a large and first class stock of Flour, Feed and Groceries, which he is selling at a low figure. Don't forget the place—where A. D. Colton & Company broke up. Jan 24.

POMEROY'S DEMOCRAT.—M. M. or "Brick" Pomroy's new paper already exceeds in circulation every other political paper in the world. It is "read hot," and of unusual interest. Send for sample copies. Printing House Square, New York City. mh12.

SHIRTS, CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES.—A large assortment at REYNOLDS, BRODHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre Street, opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

WALL PAPER!

Just received a large stock of Spring patterns, at H. C. JARVIS' FURNITURE STORE and

PAINT, WALL, WHITE WASH & SHOES BRUSHES, a large stock just received at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

Lost!

On Thursday, Feb. 25th, 1898, a smooth built rat and tan pup, with red collar. Whoever shall return the same to the subscriber will be liberally rewarded. Feb 26-tf. N. H. PAYNE

Carpets, of every quality and description, at REYNOLDS, BRODHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre Street, opposite the P. O., Oil City, Pa.

SWEDISH LEECHES, wholesale and retail, at A. D. MILLER & CO'S DRUG STORE

BURTON'S TOBACCO ANTIDOTE, DON'T CHEW, an antidote for Tobacco, and DR. JOHNSON'S AROMATIC ANTI-TOBACCO COMPOUND, for sale at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

WINDOW GLASS!

A large assortment, all sizes, at A. D. Miller & Co.'s.

BUILDING FOR SALE NEAR THE LAKE SHORE HOUSE. Enquire at the Jamestown Clothing Store. Feb 18-tf

PAPER AND ENVELOPES, at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

The best CIGARS in the market are the Buffalo Favorites, manufactured by Walker & Ruse—Said at the Drug Store of A. D. MILLER & CO.

A GREAT SUCCESS.—"Brick" Pomroy's new Daily in New York City is one of the greatest and most successful newspaper enterprises of the country. His new weekly "Pomroy's Democrat" is increasing in circulation a thousand copies per day. Send for sample copies to M. M. Pomroy, Printing House Square, New York City. mh12.

Dry Goods, a large stock at REYNOLDS, BRODHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre St., opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

Crockery.—For all kinds, go to REYNOLDS, BRODHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre Street, opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

A. D. MILLER & CO., Druggists, are agents for the celebrated "H. H. Cigars," manufactured by the American Whip Co. Try them.

The best place in town to get a pair of Boots made of the best Stock, that will wear well, and warranted to fit, is at J. A. Plante's Fashionable Boot Shop, Washington Street, Petroleum Centre, Pa. Give him a trial. mh10-tf.

Hardware.—A large assortment of which is being closed out at reduced rates at REYNOLDS, BRODHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre St., opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

POMEROY'S DEMOCRAT.—This new paper has a wonderful circulation. In nearly every town in the country the democrats and workingmen are getting up clubs for it. It is the boldest, shrewdest paper published, and walks into Congress and the Board of Directors regardless of results. The paper has over fifty thousand subscribers in the State of New York alone. Send for sample copies, which are sent free, and see it for yourself. Address M. M. Pomroy, Printing House Square, New York City. mh12.

"ALTEMA"—It is not often that we have the time to spare, or the inclination to notice any of the thousand and one publications sold throughout the country, each, as it is claimed, being a sovereign cure for one or more of the ills that flesh is heir to. Indeed, we have frequently wondered that people ever died at all, or grew old even, when, by a small outlay they could furnish themselves with something which would keep disease at bay, and defy the assaults of time! Concerning the efficacy of one of these remedial preparations—and one which has become celebrated of late—we can speak from personal experience, and conscientiously say it is good. We refer to "ALTEMA," an article for restoring and preserving the hair, manufactured by Messrs. Saward & Bentley, Chemists and Druggists, No. 19 Main Street, Buffalo—Buffalo Commerce Ady. No. 1050. Also for Seward's Cough Cure. A. D. MILLER & CO., Wholesale and Retail Druggists, Agents for Petroleum Centre, Pa. Feb 7.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

APPLICANTS FOR LICENSE.—The following persons have filed their application for license to sell liquor, to be presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions, on the 4th Monday of April next: Hugh McKeever, Oil City. Samuel Reis, Farmers, w/o lease license.

NEW HARDWARE STORE!

ROBERT BRYAN & CO., Beg leave to announce to the citizens of Petroleum Centre and vicinity, that they have opened a new store in the rear of the office of the Central Petroleum Company at the railroad crossing, where they will keep constantly on hand a full assortment of everything in the Hardware line, such as

TIN AND SHEET IRON WARE, GAS FITTINGS AND BRASS GOODS.

Mr. Bryan having been engaged in the business with Messrs. Winger Bros., for four years past, will attend particularly to the business of manufacturing SMOKE STACKS. All kinds of Tin and Sheet Iron Ware to order. GAS AND STEAM FITTING, & C. They have a New Machine for CUTTING GAS PIPE, With an engine. SET OF NEW DIES, And will warrant all work in this line. Ad 7